MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the consideration is as regards the details of the action or as to whether any action may be taken or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question as a whole has been referred to the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I take it that the Government have not as yet decided to take any action?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, the Government have already taken action.

Devesvaram Tank at Kilimanur.

394. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the present condition of the Devesvaram tank at Kilimanur, in the Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) how many *paras* of paddy fields could be irrigated if this tank is properly kept; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the crops raised on about one thousand *paras* of paddy lands failed on account of the failure of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The tank, which is *uranmai*, is out of repair. It has neither a regulating sluice nor a permanent surplus escape. There is only one massive bund for the south side which is encroached upon and has been cultivated with tapioca and betel. All the other three sides are elevated high ground.

(*b*) About 40 acres.

(*c*) The Government are not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir whether the Government will be acting within their rights if they proceed to remove the encroachments and construct the sluice on the southern bund of the tank so that the lands in question may be irrigated by means of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The tank is in the Kilimanur pakuti and the question is not free from difficulty. The suggestion made by the member may not be practicable.

The Mundadi Chira.

395. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the petitions and other requests sent to the Government showing the necessity and advantage of breaking open the Mundadi *chira* in the Varattar river in the Tiruvamandur pakuti in the Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry with regard to it?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table the files of correspondence, if any, relating to this matter?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Petitions have been received for and against the cutting open of the Mundadi *chira*.

(*b*) Yes. Attention is invited to paragraphs 48 and 50 of the Report of Rao Bahadur John Kuriyan on inland navigation in the State.

(2) The report above referred to which has been supplied to the members of the Council on a previous occasion and of which copies are available in the Council Library, gives all the information required.

Hospitals in Tovala.

396. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what initial expenditure they have incurred in opening the two hospitals sanctioned for the Tovala taluk, and what are the pay and qualifications of the two Medical Officers sanctioned there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): One dispensary only has recently been sanctioned for Aramboly in the Tovala taluk; even that has not yet been opened and the matter is being reconsidered by the Government. No expenditure has therefore been incurred in that connection.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state what circumstances led to the reconsideration of the sanctioned hospital at Aramboly?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The circumstance is that the Administrative Board, Medical Services, have reported that there is at present no need to open a dispensary at Tovala because one full-day dispensary has been opened by the Salvation Army.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the place where the hospital has been opened?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The same place—Aramboly.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member when that hospital was opened? Was it before sanction was accorded to the new hospital being opened?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information as to the exact date.

Import of milk products.

397. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the value of milk products imported into Travancore each year from 1098 to 1103.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information required is not available as separate accounts are not kept for the import of milk products into Travancore.

Agricultural roads for Nanjinad.

398. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

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